GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5239
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
WOMEN RESERVATION BILL
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;M.V.V.S MURTHI;REENA CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce the Women Reservation Bill in the current session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not reaching at a consensus by all the parties on the said Bill alongwith details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) The Constitution (Eighty-fifth Amendment) Bill, 1999, which provides that as nearly as one-third of the seats shall be reserved for women in the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of States, has already been introduced in Lok Sabha on 23.12.1999.

(c) In the all-party meeting held on 7.3.2003 under the Chairmanship of the Hon`ble Prime Minister, again an effort was made by the Government to evolve consensus on the provisions of the said Bill.